

period, the INS budget, Immigration and Naturalization Service, who has a large activity along the border, their budget has increased from approximately \$1.5 billion to nearly \$4 billion. During the same period, the INS staff grew from approximately 17,000 employees to 28,000 full-time employees as of June of this year.

So it is not that the Congress has not put an effort into this border problem. The problem is that we have put the funds there and we still do not have the cooperation and the effectiveness to deal with this situation.

Now, each of the agencies who came before our subcommittee promised to do better and to work together. That remains to be seen. But, again, we will try to keep the pressure on to see that American taxpayer dollars, which have been heavily loaded in this effort, are more effectively expended.

Again, we have received these problems from our good friend and ally Mexico, and I want to talk a little bit about the country that gave us these problems. Mexico has been a good ally. We have many, many Mexican Americans who are loyal citizens and very productive. But the government of Mexico has failed to cooperate on almost every front.

This is another one of the crown jewels of the failed Clinton-Gore administration policy. They gave them NAFTA, which was probably the best trade deal ever created by the United States Congress, a trade agreement that is unparalleled in the history of international negotiations. Great trade advantages to Mexico. We put our people out of business, lost jobs across the Nation, and gave them great economic opportunity.

We once had a positive trade balance, and now we have a huge trade deficit. They are pouring their goods in, which are produced across the border with lower wages, lower standards, lower environmental requirements across the board. It is not a level playing field, but we gave them those benefits.

When they got in financial trouble, what did we do? This administration bailed them out. We bailed them out with an unprecedented number of dollars in financial support. They have gotten as a nation and an ally and friend almost every advantage possible.

And what have they given us? We ask and we require, in order to get trade and foreign aid and assistance, we ask the President and the Secretary of State to certify each year to Congress that they are cooperating in stopping illegal narcotics production and trafficking. That is the drug certification law. In other words, if they cooperate, they get this assistance. If they do not, they are supposed to be decertified. Each time, Clinton-Gore has certified Mexico as cooperating.

The worst insult was in the last year. And I want my colleagues to look at these figures from 1998. Mexican drug seizures. We asked them to help in seizing illegal narcotics, and this is what

we got: from 1997 to 1998, in seizing heroin, a drop of 56 percent; in seizing cocaine, a drop of 35 percent. Is this cooperation?

This Congress passed 2 years ago a resolution asking Mexico to help in signing a maritime agreement. To date, they have not signed a maritime agreement.

We asked for protection of our agents, because some years ago Enrique Camarena, a United States drug enforcement agent, was tortured and died in a horrible death and slaughtered like an animal by Mexican drug dealers. So we have asked for protection of our small number of agents, and we still do not have those guarantees of protection.

We asked for enforcement of laws. They pass laws in Mexico, but they do not enforce them. And what did we get? We got kicked in the teeth like no other nation has been kicked in the teeth after giving them incredible trade benefits. What did they do? We started a sting operation in Mexico, because we knew, and we had reports of incredible amounts of money laundering. In fact, this operation was called Operation Casablanca by our customs agents. Our customs agents discovered the biggest money laundering operation in the history of the world.

In fact, in testimony that we had by one former Customs agent, he told us that he was in the process of trying to money launder over \$1.1 billion for a Mexican official, who was identified as a cabinet member, possibly a secretary of defense, and possibly with ties to the president of Mexico, the current president of Mexico.

Now, we know the former president, Salinas, and his brother and family, were up to their eyeballs in illegal narcotics and money laundering and every sort of crime; but, again, we had testimony before our subcommittee about what was going on there. Instead of cooperation, instead of enforcing the laws, they threatened to expel and even to arrest our United States customs agents. This is a travesty.

What was very interesting, and what I think warrants, what I think warrants investigation, and I am going to ask the director of the FBI to look into it, is the latest death of a former Deputy Attorney General who died awaiting trial here. In a suicide note, he died a few weeks ago, he implicated Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo and members of the country's ruling party in the slaying of his brother. He also said that the Mexican Government is opposing a push by the United States Congress to level major penalties against business ties to drug traffickers. This is additional information that we have gotten.

What is sad is that we have information now that implicates even the highest office. What is sad is that the initial investigation of the money laundering of \$1.1 billion was basically closed down by our Department of Jus-

tice, closed down by our Customs operation. That is even after comments by individuals like Tom Constantine, who is the former head of DEA, who said, "In my lifetime, I have never witnessed any group of criminals that has had such a terrible impact on so many individuals and communities in our Nation. Corruption among Mexican anti-drug authorities was unparalleled with anything I have seen in 39 years of police work."

The story gets even more difficult as we look into the evidence that continues to arise about the level of corruption with Mexican officials at every level. We have reports now that the Baja Peninsula, the western state connected to California, is now almost entirely under the control of illegal narcotics traffickers. We have reports that the Yucatan Peninsula is also in a similar state and other States of Mexico.

So we have been good friends. We have been good allies. And every report that we get paints an even grimmer picture.

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Finally, we asked the Mexicans to extradite major drug kingpins. The United States, on November 13, 1997, entered into and signed a protocol to the current extradition treaty with Mexico. This protocol has been ratified by the other body, the United States Senate; and it still has not been ratified by the Mexican parliamentarians.

This is a very sad state of affairs, again an example of failed Clinton policy granting them certification and granting them trade, granting them financial assistance, and getting in return none of the requests of this Congress, failure of cooperation in narcotics.

Mexico today has the crown and glory of being the major drug transport area from Colombia through Mexico, again the largest source of illegal narcotics entering the United States, a very dismal picture presented and brought to my colleagues, unfortunately, by this administration.

Hopefully, working with this new Congress, we can turn this around, we can get the resources to Colombia, we can take a tougher stand with Mexico, we can continue to hold hearings, make the American people and the Congress aware of this situation, and reverse this sad state of affairs with our closest ally, our closest friend, in exporting to the United States terror, death, and destruction in the form of illegal narcotics trade and business.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to conclude at this time and, hopefully, be back next week with another report on the problem of illegal narcotics and how it impacts both this Congress, the American people, and the next generation. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MCKINNEY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 4:00 p.m. on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHOWS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. RYUN of Kansas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FLETCHER, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. MICA, for 5 minutes, October 5.

Mr. KASICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, October 5.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, September 29.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, September 29.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2605. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 68. Joint resolution making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 293. An act to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College.

S. 944. An act to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma.

S. 1072. An act to make certain technical and other corrections relating to the Centennial of Flight Commemoration Act (36 U.S.C. 143 note; 112 Stat. 3486 et seq.).

S. 1637. An act to extend through the end of the current fiscal year certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, September 29, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4526. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oriental Fruit Fly; Designation of Quarantined Area [Docket No. 99-076-1] received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4527. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, transmitting the Department's final rule—Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Addition of Regulated Area [Docket No. 99-075-1] received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4528. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Trifloxystrobin; Pesticide Tolerance [OPP-300922; FRL-6382-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4529. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislative Division, Office of the Chief Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Commander of Air Education and Training Command is initiating a multi-function cost comparison of the Multiple Support Functions at Sheppard Air Force Base (AFB), Texas, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4530. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the approved retirement of Lieutenant General George A. Crocker, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4531. A letter from the Chairman, Appraisal Subcommittee, transmitting the FY 1998 annual report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4532. A letter from the Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Department's final rule—Management Official Interlocks [Docket No. 99-11] (RIN: 1557-AB60) [Docket No. R-0907] (RIN: 3064-AC08) [Docket No. 99-36] (RIN: 1550-AB07) received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4533. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants Program (RIN: 1840-AC67) received September 3, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4534. A letter from the Acting Director, Mine Safety and Health Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Training and Retraining of Miners Engaged in Shell Dredging or Employed at Sand, Gravel, Surface Stone, Surface Clay,

Colloidal Phosphate, or Surface Limestone Mines (RIN: 1219-AB17) received September 17, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4535. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Vermont: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [FRL-6443-5] received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4536. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Colorado; Longmont Carbon Monoxide Redesignation to Attainment and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes [CO-001-0034a; FRL-6441-6] received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4537. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Mexico Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [NM-35-1-7428; FRL-6441-3] received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4538. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Vinegar Generators and Leather Coating Operations [MD069-3031a and MD070-3031a; FRL-6440-6] received September 22, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4539. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Stage II Comparability and Clean Fuel Fleets [NH-038-7165a; A-1-FRL-6445-4] received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4540. A letter from the Associate Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revision of Part 22 and Part 90 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate Future Development of Paging Systems [WT Docket No. 96-18] Implementation of Section 309(j) of the Communications Act—Competitive Bidding [PR Docket No. 93-253] received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4541. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Market Regulation, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—10b-18; Purchases of Certain Equity Securities by the Issuer and Others (RIN: 3235-AH48) received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

4542. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a report on Iraq's weapons of mass destruction programs; (H. Doc. No. 106-134); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

4543. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a statement that the Government of Egypt (GOE) has requested that the United States Government permit the use of